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SUBJECT: APPROACH BY VANUAAKU PARTY REPRESENTATIVE

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1. IN THE PAST USG REPRESENTATIVES HAVE HAD NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VANUAAKU PARTY (VP), INCLUDING REV. LINI. THE MOST RECENT OCCASSION WAS IN
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MAY WHEN EA/PIA DIRECTOR BILL BODDE MET WITH VP VICE CHAIRMAN KALKOA IN PORT VILA. BOTH LINI AND KALKOA HAVE RECEIVED PARTIAL IV GRANTS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR APPEARANCES BEFORE THE UN.
2. EA/PIA WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE REV. LINI OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VP SHOULD THEY WISH TO VISIT WASHINGTON BEFORE OR AFTER THE COMMITTEE OF 24 MEETING

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IN NEW YORK.

3. AS STATED IN REFTEL (A) THE NEW HEBRIDES ARE NOT YET INDEPENDENT NOR, AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, HAS THE ELECTION REFORM COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE VP WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY TO PAVE THE WAY FOR INDEPENDENCE, BEEN FULLY WORKED OUT.

4. EMBASSY OFFICERS SHOULD INFORM THE VP REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE USG IS INTERESTED IN THE VIEWS OF ALL POLITICAL LEADERS IN THE NEW HEBRIDES AND THAT YOU WILL COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEWS TO WASHINGTON. YOU SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE REV. LINI OR OTHER VP REPS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. YOU SHOULD INFORM YOUR BRITISH-FRENCH COLLEAGES OF JEFFORDS APPROACH AND OUR RESPONSE.

5. FYI: WHILE WE ARE INTERESTED IN KEEPING THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH LINI OPEN, AS HE MAY WELL BE THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE NEW HEBRIDES ONE DAY,IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO "OPEN PRELIMINARY TALKS OR ,NEGOTIATIONS" WITH HIM ABOUT FUTURE US ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW HEBRIDES. WE ALSO EXPECT THE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE NEW HEBRIDES KALSAKAU TO APPROACH US IF HE ATTENDS THE UNGA. VANCE

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